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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of March 14, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group I, Claims 1-17, drawn to precipitated silica and a method of making the same.

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REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to precipitated silica and a method of making the same;

Group II: Claim 18, drawn to a method of making paper;

Group III: Claim 19, drawn to a method of making a textile; and

Group IV: Claim 20, drawn to a method for making a coating.

Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct. The burden of proof is on the Office to provide reasons and/or examples to support any conclusion with regard to patentable distinctness. M.P.E.P. § 803.